



EB-2013-0042

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to
section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998 by Hydro One Networks Inc. seeking an order
granting leave to sell distribution system assets to
Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

By delegation, before: Adrian Pye

DECISION AND ORDER

April 11, 2013

THE APPLICATION

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“Hydro One”) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on February 6, 2013 under section 86(1)(b) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 (the “Act”) for a Board order granting Hydro One leave to sell certain distribution system assets to Woodstock Hydro Services Inc. (“Woodstock Hydro”).

The proposed assets to be sold include three, 50 foot, class 3, Joint-Use Poles CC8R7Y, CC8R8D, CC8R9J, associated hardware, and 840 metres of conductor. The physical location of the proposed assets to be sold is entirely within Woodstock Hydro’s service territory along Dundas Street (also known as Hwy 2) in Woodstock, Ontario.

The sale price for the transfer of the assets is \$6,200.00 plus \$806.00 (HST) and represents the net book value of the assets. The total sale price is \$7,006.00.

FINDINGS

Based on the evidence, I find that there are benefits to the proposed transaction, and no negative consequences have been identified. It is therefore in the public interest to

grant Hydro One leave to sell the distribution assets to Woodstock Hydro. The following facts are relevant to this decision.

Section 86(1)(b) of the Act provides that leave of the Board is required before a transmitter or a distributor can “sell, lease or otherwise dispose of that part of its transmission or distribution system that is necessary in serving the public”. The assets that are the subject of this transaction are necessary in serving the public.

The proposed assets to be sold will be integrated into Woodstock Hydro’s system to better supply its customers. Hydro One states that the assets proposed to be sold to Woodstock Hydro currently serve Woodstock Hydro’s customers and will continue to serve Woodstock Hydro’s customers. Hydro One states that the transaction will not adversely affect the safety, reliability, quality of service or operations of the applicant or Woodstock Hydro. The proposed transfer will not impact distribution rates of the applicant.

Hydro One requested, with Woodstock Hydro’s consent, that the Board dispose of this matter without a hearing under section 21(4)(b) of the Act. I find, based on the evidence filed in the application, that no other person will be adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of this proceeding. I have therefore disposed of this matter without a hearing.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Hydro One Networks Inc. is granted leave to sell three, 50 foot, class 3, Joint-Use Poles CC8R7Y, CC8R8D, CC8R9J, associated hardware, and 840 metres of conductor located in Woodstock, Ontario along Dundas Street (also known as Hwy 2) to Woodstock Hydro Services Inc.

DATED at Toronto, April 11, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Adrian Pye
Manager
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